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Eastern women's basketball star Marla Gearhart is out for the season with a torn ACL/B6



► Board of Regents

Three proposals added to budget

Wellness Center top priority in April

By ALYSSA BRAMLAGE
Editor

The Board of Regents' first meeting at the Corbin extension center yielded a promise.

The regents resolved to add to their budget a plan to renovate Combs Hall, a proposal for Greek Row and a proposal for a wellness/activity center for students, faculty and staff.

Although the regents decided to make sure each plan is included in the next biennial budget, no money was awarded to any of the projects.

"This is designed to keep the process moving," Jim Gilbert, chair of the Board, said. "The rubber doesn't meet the road until we agree to spend money."

The regents didn't discuss which project would be most important.

But President Robert Kustra said he feels the wellness/activity center will be the No. 1 priority at the approval of the budget in April.

Jeanette Crockett, dean of student life, heads a committee designed to find ways to renovate residence halls.

The committee chose Combs Hall to be turned into suite-style rooms able to hold two to six people.

Skip Daugherty, dean of student development, submitted a proposal for a Greek Row. The row would be on Hall Drive behind Keene Hall, and the uni-

versity would develop the land, collecting rent from Greek organizations, according to the proposal.

A wellness/activity center for students, faculty and staff was proposed to be built on the old dairy farm area for an estimated \$20 million.

Another hot topic on campus, discussion of implementing a plus/minus grading system, was deferred until April.

"I understand there was some interest on the part of Faculty Senate to continue discussing the issue," Kustra said.

But the main reason for traveling was to learn about the Tri-County Center already in existence and to see how development of the new center is progressing.

Ken Nelson, director of extended programs, and Bill Abney, director of development, presented slides showcasing the strengths of the extended campus.

Abney explained funding for the part of the Southeast Regional Postsecondary Education Center, which will be in Corbin.

The Council of Postsecondary Education Center approved \$5 million for the building, while land, site preparation, utilities site preparation and \$10,000 worth of furniture have all been donated to the center.

Classes are slated to begin in the new center in August 2001.

This meeting was a first for faculty regent Merita Thompson.

Dupree Hall fire damages 2 rooms

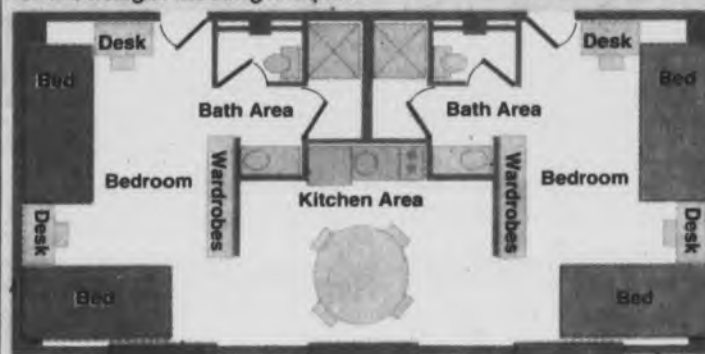


Don Knight/Progress

Students stand outside Dupree Hall Jan. 14 after a fire started in Room 907. No one was hurt during the fire and only \$5,000 to \$7,500 worth of damage was done to the room. The room below 907 had only a couple hundred dollars worth of damage to it.

Living in luxury

The Board of Regents discussed renovating Combs Hall to include a variety of suite arrangements. Although no money has been budgeted, the regents voted to keep the plan a priority for the budget meeting in April.



Source: Board of Regents
Amy Campbell/Progress

Committee proposes suites for Combs Hall

By DENA TACKETT
News editor

At Saturday's Board of Regents meeting, a proposal was introduced to renovate Combs Hall, which called for \$5.4 million to be used to make mini-apartments out of the residence hall.

Although no action was taken on the proposal, the Board promised to consider including it in its next biennial budget request to the state.

The proposal was the result of a semester of surveying, tabulating and designing by a residence hall renovation committee, which was formed July 24.

The committee was made up of Tim Graham and Jo Ann Wilder, president and vice president of Residence Hall Association, Elder Goble and David Kennedy, assistant directors of facilities services, James Street, director of facilities services, Kenna Middleton, director of housing and chaired by Jeannette Crockett, dean of student life.

The committee divided into two categories, one made up of Graham, Wilder and Middleton, to poll the population by surveying residents. The other group, made up of Street, Goble and

See Combs/A5

Cigarette butt ignites basket of clothes



Don Knight/Progress

Firefighters (above) break the window in Room 907 to provide ventilation. An improperly extinguished cigarette fell into a basket of clothes starting the fire. (Left) The Richmond Fire Department use pumper trucks to extinguish the fire.



Brian Simms/Progress

By DENA TACKETT
News editor

Students gathered in the rain around Dupree Hall Jan. 14 as firefighters and police made their way in and out of the residence hall which caught fire about 3 p.m.

Students like Jamie Gaddis, a 19-year-old public relations major from Barbourville, were forced out of their dorms for two hours while officials contained and examined the fire.

Gaddis had just gotten out of the shower and put her clothes on to get ready for a 6 p.m. class when the alarm sounded. She lives on the third floor of the building.

John Brown, a 21-year-old resident assistant in Todd, helped give out coffee to those who had been standing in the rain watching the blaze. The coffee was donated by food services.

Public Safety received a call at 3:01 p.m. alerting them to smoke coming from Room 907 of Dupree Hall. Bridget Young, of Room 913, told the reporting officer she smelled smoke and went to check on the room where she found the door locked.

Public Safety notified the Richmond Fire Department, who arrived on the scene sometime before 3:30 p.m., said Fred Brandenburg, Richmond Fire Chief.

"The fire was actually knocked down fairly quickly," Brandenburg said. "I would estimate that it took five to seven minutes after our arrival."

The room was that of Alana McGill, an 18-year-old general finance major from Hebron. Residential Development Director Robby Morton arranged for McGill to stay

in Todd Hall as long as needed.

After conducting an investigation and interviewing McGill, the fire department determined the fire started from a cigarette butt which had not been properly extinguished, Brandenburg said. McGill said she had been smoking before she left her room.

Although wax residue was found during the investigation, Brandenburg said all the evidence led them to believe a cigarette fell into a basket of clothes under the shelf in the corner of the room.

Brandenburg said the fire was contained to that corner of the room, with only the clothes and shelf being damaged by the fire. Other items in the room suffered smoke and heat damage, though.

The room below 907 suffered water damage, but Brandenburg said the fire department was able to protect most of the room with salvage covers, or tarps.

The rooms adjoining 907 and the hallway outside the room had smoke damage, but no soot was found.

The total damage to McGill's room was between \$5,000 and \$7,500, said James Street, director of facilities services. This includes furniture, the ceiling, electrical wiring and switches, light fixtures and the smoke detector.

"The Richmond Fire Department did a very good job protecting the room below," Street said. "The damage there is a few hundred dollars at the most."

When the fire started, it did not set off the main system, and fire alarms in the hallway were pulled. Street said this is how the system is set up in the residence halls.

"An individual's room is not hard

See Fire/A5

University reviews general education classes

By DENA TACKETT
News editor

When the new vice president for academic affairs is determined, one of the first things President Robert Kustra wants him or her to examine is the core curriculum.

At the Dec. 7 Faculty Senate meeting, Kustra expressed his desire to re-examine Eastern's liberal arts commitment and the need for general education to return to its original integrated core.

"A number of the faculty have discussed their concern that the general education curriculum has grown and grown and become relatively unorganized," Kustra said. "We just want to make sure the integrity of the core is well-defined, well-organized and has a unifying theme to it. That it is comprehensive in nature."

Kustra said that, over the years, courses have been added and added and the university ends up specializing in general education, which detracts the ability to get an overview of set courses.

"I am interested in feedback from the faculty who teach general education classes and those faculty who are consumers of general education, such as law enforcement," Kustra said.

As to what will be changed, Kustra said, "It is safe to say that all the areas you can think of in a liberal arts commitment will still be there."

After 20 years with little change in the general ed curriculum, Kustra said it is not unusual to examine the program.

"There isn't a college or uni-

versity in the country who doesn't re-evaluate its general ed program," he said.

President Kustra appointed Dominick Hart, chair of the English department, to organize a task force to examine general education requirements.

"I didn't give him a deadline," Kustra said. "I told him to take quite a bit of time. It could easily go beyond a year to study and implement."

Hart said general education

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The University Writing Requirement is 6 p.m. tomorrow. Report to Combs Building to find out where you should go to take it.

► TRF week

► Weather

TODAY

Hi: 60

Low: 53

Conditions:

Thunderstorms

FRI: 56, Scattered thunderstorms

SAT: 56, Variably cloudy

SUN: 45, Variably cloudy



Perspective

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Alyssa Bramlage, editor

PUTTING OUT THE FIRE

Students stood outside Dupree Hall Jan. 14, when a fire started on the ninth floor. Dupree Hall, along with all but four residence halls on campus, does not have sprinklers. The Board of Regents, spurred by a fatal fire at Murray State last September, has approved a plan to install sprinklers, but it will take three years to outfit every dorm. Dorms also need to have each room linked to a central alarm system to make sure alarms sound throughout the dorm. That way everyone can reach safety before serious harm is done.

Don Knight/Progress



Eastern needs to update dorms to prevent fire tragedy

A fire last week in Dupree Hall could have been much worse for the 276 students living there.

Fire damage was minimal because of the quick response of the Richmond Fire Department.

But next time Eastern might not be so lucky.

Like all but four residence halls on campus, Dupree doesn't have sprinklers.

This fact was brought to the forefront after a fire last September in Murray State University's Hester Hall left one student dead.

This motivated Eastern and the other state universities to get the ball rolling on installing sprinklers in their residence halls.

But even with the quick action taken by the Board of Regents, it will take three years to complete the project.

By fall 2000 only four more residence halls — Telford, Keene, Palmer and Commonwealth halls — will have sprinklers. Sullivan,

Walters, Case and Burnam halls already have sprinklers.

During this three-year installation period, there could easily be another fire, and the next one might not be so easy to extinguish.

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Sprinklers can't be put in overnight, and students can't be moved out during the semester to install them.

But during the summer months, when fewer students are on campus, every effort should be made and no expense spared to install sprinklers in all the residence halls on campus, instead of just four.

Students and their parents trust Eastern to provide the safest campus possible and sprinklers would increase safety immensely, especially in the high-rise dormitories.

But sprinklers aren't the only things that need fixing.

When the fire alarm in Room 907 went off last week, after an improperly extinguished cigarette fell into a basket of clothes, residents on the ninth

floor had to manually trigger Dupree's central fire alarm.

Room alarms like the one in 907 are not wired into the building's alarm system.

If someone doesn't notice the alarm going off, then precious time is wasted while fire destroys property and possibly lives.

To ensure the fire department has the quickest response time possible, the rooms need to be wired to the central alarm system. This keeps everyone safe while preventing property damage.

Then, if a fire breaks out again, residents will not have to worry about triggering an alarm.

They can worry about what is important — evacuating the building.

Installing sprinklers and rewiring the fire alarms in residence halls will be expensive and won't happen overnight.

And it still won't guarantee that someone won't die in a fire on the Campus Beautiful.

But anything that can be done to increase the safety of Eastern students should be done as quickly as possible — so we won't have to calculate any losses — in dollars or lives.

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WOULD A CENTRAL ALARM SYSTEM KEEP STUDENTS SAFER?

HOW COULD STUDENTS BE MADE MORE AWARE OF THE DANGER OF FIRE AND SMOKING IN THEIR ROOMS?

TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS

Drop us a line at 117 Donovan Annex or at <progress@acs.eku.edu>.

Megan's Law should extend to universities

Megan Kanka, 7, was raped and murdered in 1994 by a convicted sex offender who lived across the street.

In 1995, a New Jersey law was named for her — Megan's Law. Under Megan's Law, communities would be notified if a convicted sex offender was released from jail and moved to their neighborhood.

Kentucky's notification system works in varying degrees.

Victims of a low-risk sex offender can be notified upon the offender's release from jail and his or her whereabouts after release. Law enforcement officials in the offender's location will also be notified.

In addition to victims and law enforcement officials, agencies and groups, such as rape crisis centers, can be notified if a moderate-risk sex offender was released.

In the case of high-risk offenders, all those groups along with the public would be notified through local media.

Crime victims could sign up to be notified about sex offenders living in their community beginning Jan. 15.

Communities home to high-risk offenders should be notified as soon as possible about that person. Any kind of community — including college campuses.

Eastern, and other universities and colleges, are constantly referred to as college communities, and rightly so.

A community is defined as a group of people who reside in a specific locality, share government and often have a common cultural and historical heritage.

And that is exactly what defines Eastern and other universities. Therefore, they should be included as part of Megan's Law.

It is so easy for people to move on to a college campus because of the housing situation. Anyone can move into a dorm as long as that person is a full-time student.

College campuses should be included in the list of communities told about sex offenders being released from jail to make students aware of the possible breach in safety.

Local media, such as The Eastern Progress, should be able to notify students if the person down the hall could present a problem.

With the circumstance most college students are in — looking for a mate, flirting with the opposite sex, experimenting with sex — they should know who's safe and who's not.

Megan's Law should extend to all areas of the country, including the areas that may stretch the ideal definition of a community.

► Campus Comments

THE ISSUE

In 1995, Megan's Law was passed to inform people in a community when a sex offender moves into their neighborhood. Victims were allowed to sign

up to be informed Jan. 15. Daniel Bruce, Activities co-editor for the Progress, asked students whether they thought Megan's Law is good or bad.



STEVEN MOLOTT
Hometown: Oneida, Tenn.
Major: Middle grade education
Year: Freshman

I think it's a good idea because people have to know.



JUSTIN BONNELL
Hometown: Brooksville
Major: Horticulture
Year: Junior

I think they should let the people immediately around them know, but I don't think everyone should know.



TANYA KIRCHNER
Hometown: Morganfield
Major: Police administration
Year: Senior

It's a really good idea because it's kind of like an open door if they don't tell you.



THERESA MARKERT
Hometown: Louisville
Major: Speech pathology
Year: Junior

I'd like to be informed, but if they've done their time and paid their debt to society, they should not have a label.

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Letters should be addressed to the newspaper and should contain the writer's signature, address and phone number. Letters for publication will be verified. The Progress also gives its readers an opportunity to voice more detailed opinions in a column called "Your Turn."

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Plus/minus system takes revenge on student



DENA TACKETT
My Turn

Dena Tackett is a junior journalism major from Virgie and news editor for the Progress.

I guess you could say I've always been a bit of an overachiever. I remember one time when I was in fourth grade, Mrs. Little's room, when I got my first A-. It was on a math assignment.

While many youngsters would have ran home overjoyed so Mommy and Daddy could put it on the refrigerator, I had different feelings. I cried. I remember walking in the door with tears rolling down my little red cheeks. My mom immediately ran over to see what was the matter.

"What is wrong," she said. "Did you hurt yourself?"
"No," I replied.
"Did someone else hurt you? Just tell Mommy and I'll take care of it," she said. I just stood there looking at her. "Was she crazy?" I thought to myself. How could she not have known what had happened. My world had come to an end. "I got an A-," I said, bursting into tears all over again.

Mom looked at me like I had just told her I was from another world.

"An A-?" she asked, making sure she had heard me correctly. I just hung my head in shame. "Yeah," I said, through sobs. Mom burst into laughter. Suddenly, my sorrow turned into anger. How could she be laughing when the world as I knew it was over? I had failed.

My mom sat me down and had one of those talks a person never forgets. She told me about how my grades didn't matter, about how an A- was still very good and about how she and Daddy wouldn't care if I brought home a C. She said they loved me no matter what and they always would.

That heart-to-heart talk meant nothing to me. Hey, I said it was one of those talks you never forget, not one you base your whole life on. Anyway, here I am a decade later

and an A- still brings up the same feelings as it did that day. I was so relieved when I got to college, where those evil things were no longer there to taunt me with their mocking little additions. Those minus signs that laughed at me whispering, "Not good enough, Dena." I hate them. I loathe them.

Sure, just when I was starting to have some self-esteem again, they pop back into the picture. As of fall 2000, they will return to my life for their revenge. How could I have ever thought I could get rid of them.

I know what you are saying. Why is she griping about an A-? I can't help it. Maybe I'm screwed up in the head or something.

Just between you and me, I honestly think I would rather get a B than an A-. I actually hate them that much.

All through life, I've been on the honor roll. I was one of the valedictorians of my senior class. Then I came

to college where I have been on both Dean's and President's Lists. It wasn't expected of me, nor did anyone ever ask why I did it. I just did.

I don't want you to think I am bragging or anything, because that is not what I am doing. I am just trying to paint a picture of my life for you.

I'm not a book worm (the only book I have ever even read completely is Carrie by Stephen King), and I never studied hard. It just comes naturally. I'm not saying I didn't work for my grades, I'm just saying that it was never really all that hard. I played softball, cheered and did just about everything else there was to do in school, but the work just came naturally.

Still, I know you are probably thinking that I shouldn't be whining about the whole plus and minus grading thing, but it was my turn to write my opinion and I just thought I could get a few things off my chest.

Come on, I know you feel the same

way. If you work hard enough to get an A or B, you should get just that.

Everyone I have spoken with who supports the plus/minus system has given one reason. The same reason.

They tell me that it really helps those who are on that B/C borderline. I guess I understand that point, but hey, I'm not on that line, and many of the people at this university aren't either.

Maybe as time goes by after the system is implemented, I will have a change of heart. I'm an open-minded person. I just hope I have that change of heart before I graduate.

Working at the Progress and going to school couldn't really be considered stress free, and in a year I will be faced with those horrible little minuses again.

For now, though, I will sleep peacefully dreaming of an impressive GPA, because I know that soon (too soon, actually) I will face my enemy again.

December 1999 ends only one thing — college career



DON KNIGHT
Gone Fishin'

Don Knight is a senior journalism major from Richmond and managing editor for the Progress.

The end is near. Or is it? Millennialists are people who believe humanity will not survive past the year 2000.

I don't buy into any of that stuff, but with the Y2K problem and plus/minus grading, it is easy to understand why some people believe the apocalypse is near.

As we get closer to December 1999, I expect to hear more about doomsday.

Already there have been a few millennialists in the news. Denver cult members made headlines earlier this year when they were deported from Israel for fear they would commit acts of violence, speeding the Second Coming of Jesus. And just last week the Rev. Jerry Falwell proclaimed the Antichrist is alive and well.

Hollywood had its own take on the end of the world with the two movies "Armageddon" and "Deep Impact" last summer. I don't know about you, but if an asteroid is headed for Earth, Bruce Willis is the last person I want to see in charge of blowing it up.

I wonder if any dinosaur millennialists saw the "big rock" heading their way?

I never will be able to forget the childhood trauma I experienced by watching the Nostradamus special on HBO. I was con-

vinced I would die young. The show ended with the prediction that mankind would be wiped out by nuclear holocaust. This is a little scary considering you can buy a good used nuke from the Russians for five bucks and a pack of cigarettes.

I'm still not certain the end is near, but the promotion of yours truly to managing editor of The Eastern Progress heightened my fears. My weekly column — who would read such nonsense? And the column's name is *Gone Fishin'*. What does that mean? (Actually it is what I would rather be doing.)

Now, I get paid a small fee for doing this, but any reader with an opinion can write a column for The Eastern Progress. And for your effort we will give you a complementary copy of the paper. Just type up what you want to say and bring a printout and a copy on disk to us at 117 Donovan Annex. Not only will we print your opinion, but we will also put your picture in the paper.

If you can't find Donovan Annex or don't want your picture in the paper you can e-mail your opinion to us and we will print it as a letter to the editor.

Is plus/minus grading the beginning of the end? Probably not. One thing will be sure to end in December 1999 — my college career.



James Carroll/Progress

Internet offers plenty of sites for conducting research



LISA MOORE
Technology

Moore is coordinator of ResNet and a graduate student at Eastern.

There are many sites on the Internet that are useful to college students when it is time to conduct research online. These sites make great book-marks!

Acronyms & Abbreviations

Help in this area comes in two forms on the Web. You can either go to a search engine that was designed specifically for acronyms and abbreviations or go with a subject-specific list.

■ Acronyms & Abbreviations Search Engine
<<http://www.ucc.ie/cgi-bin/acronym>>
■ Opavi Guide to Lists of Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Initialisms
<<http://spin.com.mx/~smarin/acro.html>>

Almanacs

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■ The 1997 CIA World Factbook
<<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook>>
■ Daily Almanacs
<<http://shoga.wva.com/~mjn/almanac2.html>>
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Dictionaries

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You can find information on units of measurement from the following web sites.

■ International System of Units (SI)
<<http://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/index.html>>
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<<http://www.thesarus.com>>
■ WWWebster Thesaurus
<<http://www.m-w.com/thesaurus.htm>>

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Letters

FSE has many interesting instructors

My name is Jason Heltsley, and I am a 19-year-old freshman from Russellville.

I am a fire and safety engineering (FSE) major, with the fire, arson and explosives investigation option.

The reason I am writing this is I have noticed we have several "famous" instructors in our FSE program.

The first one who comes to mind is Tom Thurman.

He is the FSE 250 instructor, but most people do not know he worked for the FBI for a num-

ber of years.

He has been featured on several Discovery and TLC documentaries.

I even watched one on A&E tonight (Jan. 15, 1999).

I would like to see you all do a series on not only the FSE instructors, but any other instructors who may have an interesting past.

I appreciate you taking your time in reading this, and I hope that it gets published.

Thanks again for your time,
Jason W. Heltsley

Clarification

Last week's article, "New grade scale begins fall 2000," should have said the plus/minus grade system begins in fall 2000 in the text.

The Eastern Progress will publish clarifications and corrections when needed on the Perspective pages.

If you have a correction, please send it to the editor in writing by noon Monday before publication on Thursday.

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for the 1999 Milestone

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New financial aid office hours

New financial aid hours started Jan. 18. The financial aid office will be open MWF from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Loan counseling will be daily at 2 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 4:45 p.m.

Parking notice for b-ball tournament

Eastern will be hosting the All "A" Classic Basketball Tournament on Jan. 27-31. Parking in Alumni Coliseum Lot will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Suggested commuter alternatives are Perkins, Stratton, Ashland, Begley, Carter, Lancaster and Van Hoose Lots.

Dave Matthews lottery deadline noon Friday

The deadline for entering the lottery for Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds tickets is noon Friday. Students, staff and faculty may enter the drawing by depositing \$30 and filling out a lottery ticket at the student development office. The drawing will be at 8 a.m. Saturday in Keen Johnson Building. You must be present to win, but camping out will not be permitted. Refunds for lottery losers will be made Monday.

Regents meeting to be televised

A videotape of the Jan. 16 Eastern Board of Regents meeting will be broadcast today, Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday over Channel 40 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Channel 57. The meeting will also be replayed at 3 p.m. on Channel 57 Friday and Tuesday.

Inclement weather plan

First Period (8-9 a.m.) will be from 10-10:50 a.m.
Second Period (9:15-10:15 a.m.) will be from 11-11:50 a.m.
Third Period (10:30-11:30 a.m.) will be from 12-12:50 p.m.
Fourth Period (11:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m.) will be from 1-1:50 p.m.
Fifth Period (1-2 p.m.) will be from 2-2:50 p.m.
Sixth Period (2:15-3:15 p.m.) will be from 3-3:50 p.m.
Seventh Period (3:30-4:30 p.m.) will be from 4-4:50 p.m.
Eighth Period (4:45-5:45 p.m.) will be from 5-5:50 p.m.

► Police Beat

These reports have been filed with Eastern's division of public safety.

Jan. 15
Roy Conner, physical plant, reported a physical plant vehicle stolen from a lot near Turley House.

Jan. 14
William Murrek, 24, Lexington, was arrested and charged with terroristic threatening and disorderly conduct.

Zackery A. Banks, 21, Richmond, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jan. 12
David Mancini, 19, Keene Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jan. 11
Steven D. Harmon, 19, Danville, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joretta Hill, Telford Hall, reported the fire alarm was going off in Telford Hall.

Jan. 10
Greg Yurevich, Sullivan Hall, reported a faint smell of smoke in the first floor kitchen of Clay Hall. The fire department deemed the building safe.

Scotty Allen Puckett, 22, Corbin, was arrested and charged with disregarding a traffic control device, operating a vehicle on a suspended license, possession of a suspended operators license and no insurance.

Brent Cole, Keene Hall, reported his color television set had been stolen over Christmas break.

Stacey Heuer, Walters Hall, reported her car had been vandalized. The passenger side mirror was damaged and it had two scratches along the rear side door.

Jan. 7
Michael Marcum, Brewer Building, reported that someone had damaged the ECU sign in front of Brewer Building. Someone had spray painted PIG on the sign in green. Several letters were also torn off.

Dec. 25
David Keene, Brewer Building, reported that someone had broken a window at Weaver Building with a BB gun.

Paul H. Maciejewski, 30, was arrested and charged with improper start from a parked position, driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license.

Dec. 21
William Ferrell, Richmond, reported someone had stolen a scientific calculator and a porcelain belt buckle from his pickup truck while it was parked in Daniel Boone Lot.

Phyllis Murray, Begley Building, reported a laptop computer was stolen from her office.

Dec. 19
Ronald A. Ritenbaugh, 24, Fairfield, Ohio, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication after he was found passed out on the porch of Sullivan Hall.

Dec. 18
Ben E. Begley, 19, Richmond, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol by a minor, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and alcohol intoxication.

Dec. 17
Luke K. Jacobs, 23, Richmond, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and drug

paraphernalia.

Michael R. Sergeant, 22, Richmond, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Chris Bullins, Commonwealth Hall, reported that someone had damaged an exit sign at Commonwealth Hall.

Darrell S. Woodard, 23, Frankfort, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after striking a curb on Lancaster.

Jennifer Howard, Walters Hall, reported that someone had broken into her car and stolen the faceplate off her stereo while it was parked in Brockton Lot. Her adjustable steering column had also been broken.

Dec. 16
Jennifer Jackson, Todd Hall, reported that her car had been damaged while it was parked in Ellendale Lot. The officer on the scene recorded that the window was cracked, possibly by a BB gun.

Dec. 15
Jackie Miller, Richmond, reported that someone had stolen a radar detector and 130 compact discs from his car.

Dec. 13
Joseph Nutgrass, 25, Danville, was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. A 911 call had been made on Nutgrass' behalf because he was unconscious and would not wake up.

Joshua M. Hendrickson, 18, Mount Vernon, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Kisha M. Fluhr, 19, Richmond, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication after fighting in front of O'Donnell Hall.

Erica B. Alexander, 18, Richmond, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication after fighting in front of O'Donnell Hall.

Thomas F. Bullen Jr., 18, Mount Vernon, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Ronald Mink, Richmond, reported that someone broke out the driver's side window of his car while it was parked in a driveway on Summit Street.

Dec. 11
Ryan P. Cahill, 18, Langhorne, Pa., was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Kristi Philips, Clay Hall, reported that someone had stolen \$40, an orthodontic retainer and several panties from her underwear drawer in her room. Philips was unable to give the exact number or color of panties that were missing.

Dusty R. Stanfill, 18, Blackey, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Lashan Y. Sneed, 20, Richmond, was arrested and charged with indecent exposure after she was observed urinating in the walkway of Walters Hall. Alcohol was involved.

Trisha L. Guelda, 19, Richmond, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Carl Hunt, 20, Stanton, was arrested and charged with running a traffic light and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Jackie S. Cox, 19, Clay City, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Jennifer Brown, McGregor Hall, reported that her CD player had

been damaged by her roommate.

Michael Hawksley, Combs Building, reported that someone had stolen \$400, money kept as "petty cash," from micro labs.

Danny Price, Harrodsburg Road, reported that someone had stolen a generator from a trailer near Arlington Golf Course.

Dec. 10
Leticia Tackett, Brockton, reported that her car had been damaged while parked in Brockton Lot.

James Cox, Arlington Golf Course, reported that someone had broken into a construction trailer near the golf course and stolen a chain saw.

Dec. 9
Rebecca Johnson, McGregor Hall, reported that someone had damaged her vehicle while it was parked in Ellendale Lot.

Ernest Dichiar, Martin Hall, reported that his backpack had been stolen at Powell Cafeteria.

Bridget Chilton, Keene Hall, reported that someone had damaged a door in O'Donnell Hall.

Dec. 7
Robyn Klaren, Walters Hall, reported that she had been assaulted by her roommate Kimberly Peacock, Walters Hall. Peacock was arrested and charged with 4th degree assault.

Mike Galinger, Martin Hall, reported that a window had been broken in the laundry room of the second floor, south wing of Martin Hall.

Kimberly Tucker, Telford Hall, reported that she had discovered who had stolen a diamond ring from her room on Nov. 20.

Dec. 6
Genette M. Newton, 19, Richmond, was arrested and charged with reckless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Dec. 4
Kenny D. Clark, 19, Commonwealth Hall, was arrested and charged with 1st degree sexual abuse.

James A. Hart, 18, Richmond, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Tyler Clay Thornsby, 19, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Stephen G. Neese, 21, Flatwoods, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Rick Cox, Brewer Building, reported an unknown male walking on the roof and trunk of a black Cavalier in Commonwealth Lot. Officers attempted to arrest him, but failed. Several small dents were found on the car.

Joshua E. MacGeorge, 20, Louisville, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Sean D. Bareis, 19, Louisville, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Justin D. Wolf, 20, Louisville, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Ian Salyer, 19, Richmond, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Ryan A. Carter, 18, Richmond, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Vernon Thwaites, Powell Building, reported a leaf fire at Keen Johnson Building. Public Safety extinguished the fire using fire extinguishers.

► Progress Classifieds

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REGISTRATION STAFF

\$6-\$8 per hour. Job description: To register students in the Academy by processing their nominations and applications. Mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekdays and/or weekends. Flexible schedule. Work up to 40 hours per week. Create your own schedule according to your availability. Apply in person at 2570 Palumbo Dr., Lexington. Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PROOFREADING

\$6-\$8 per hour. Each person is paid according to an incentive program. Job description: Compare nomination forms from teachers and professors to a computer terminal for accuracy of spelling and correct address. Part-time or full-time, mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekdays and/or weekends. Flexible schedules. Work up to 40 hours per week. Create your own schedule according to your availability. Prefer 2 years of college. Apply in person at 2570 Palumbo Dr., Lexington. Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Episcopal Church of Our Saviour 2323 Lexington Rd 623-1226 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Sun. School 9:30 a.m.

St. Thomas Lutheran Church 1285 Barnes Mill Rd. 623-7254 Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.

Westside Christian Church Bennington Ct. across from Arlington 623-0382 Sun. School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Transportation available.

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) 330 W. Main St. 623-5323 or 623-5329 Church School 10 a.m. Sun. Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Dinner 6 p.m. (no charge) Call for transportation.

First United Methodist Church 401 W. Main St. 623-3580 Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Sunday School 9:40 a.m. Wed. Night Live 5:30 p.m. Transportation available.

Richmond House of Prayer (Full Gospel Church) 330 Mule Shed Ln. 623-8922 or 624-9443 Sun. School 10 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Transportation available

Redhouse Baptist Church 2301 Redhouse Rd. 623-8471 or 624-1557 Sun. School 9:40 a.m. Sun. Worship 10:50 a.m., 7 p.m.

Big Hill Ave Christian 129 Big Hill Ave. 623-1592 Sun. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 209 St. George St. For information call: 623-4614 Sunday Service and Church School 10:45 a.m.

White Oak Pond Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1238 Barnes Mill Rd 623-6515 Sun. Worship 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Sun. 11 a.m. Sun. School 11:15 a.m.

Harvest Family Fellowship 621 S. Keeneland Dr. 624-8620 Sun. School 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship 10:45 Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m., Sat. Outpouring 6:10 p.m.

Eastside Bethel Baptist 1675 E. Main St. 624-9646 Sun. Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Wed. Small Group Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Services are interpreted for the deaf and are handicapped accessible.

St. Stephen Newman Center 405 University Drive 623-2989 Sun. Mass 5 p.m., Sunday Supper \$16 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Inquiry classes for becoming Catholic.

St. Thomas Lutheran Church 1285 Barnes Mill Rd. 623-7254 Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.

Rosedale Baptist Church 411 Westover Ave 623-1771 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Sun. 10:15 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church 2300 Lexington Rd. 624-9436 or 623-6868 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Youth & Prayer 7 p.m.



Fire: No one hurt, little damage to two rooms

From the front

wired to the main system," Street said. "They (the fire alarms) go off and alert the person in the room of a problem."

That person must then pull the alarm in the hall.

The systems in the hallway are hard wired into the main system, but there was not enough smoke to set it off, Street said.

Palmer and Case Halls are the only ones on campus which are addressable, which means when they are tripped, they alert a panel at the fire entry point located in the entrance of the building.

When the fire department arrives, they simply read the text that scrolls across the screen which tells them the exact room number.

Street said the other dorms, such as Dupree, have a similar system which will only tell the zone of the problem, but it is less precise than Palmer and Case Halls.

Dupree Hall, which was built in 1964, is 11 stories and has a capacity for 340 residents.

In its Oct. 14 meeting, the Board of Regents budgeted money to start installing sprinklers this summer.

The money will come from surplus funds from the housing system repair and renewal fund.

The funds make it possible to begin installing the sprinklers without raising the price of residence hall rooms until fall 2000.

The process will span four years, beginning with Commonwealth, Telford, Palmer and Keene halls, which are the high-rise dorms.

Four other dorms will receive sprinklers in the summer of 2000.

Sullivan, Case, Burnam and Walters halls are the only dorms out of Eastern's 16 residence halls that have sprinkler systems already installed.

Keene, Telford, Commonwealth and Palmer halls will have sprinklers installed this summer.

Absentee rates high for UWR

By DENA TACKETT
News editor

The University Writing Requirement's (UWR's) 10-year anniversary will take place tomorrow when over 700 students take the required test.

The test, which actually wasn't implemented until the freshmen class of the fall semester 1989, was proposed to the Board of Regents 10 years ago today.

It was designed to assess students' writing abilities and show how well they acquired and maintained the necessary skills during English composition courses. Eastern is the only publicly-funded university in the state which requires such an evaluation.

The UWR is taken by students seeking a baccalaureate degree after 60 credit hours have been achieved.

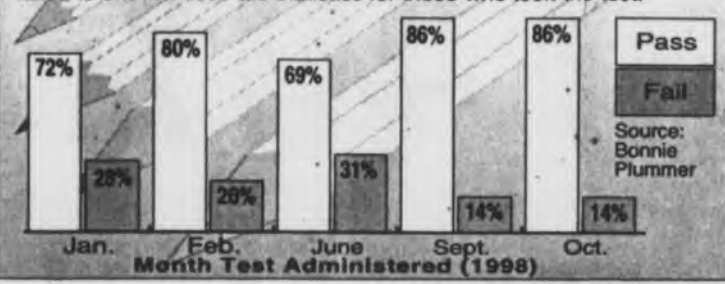
Since its beginning, the main reason for failing the test is not because students lack writing skills, but because they don't bother to show up for it.

During the five test dates last year, two each semester and one in the summer, nearly one-fourth of the students registered for the test failed to show up. Of those who did, the passing average varied from 86 percent to a low of 69 percent.

"The top two reasons for students failing the test is either they

Only a test

A total of 3,082 students registered for the University Writing Requirement in 1998. On each test date, an average of 25 percent of students failed to show. These are statistics for those who took the test.



Amy Campbell/Progress

have very poor writing skills or they misread the prompt," Ron Wolfe, chair of the mass communications department and chair of the UWR committee, said.

Those who fail the test are required to meet with their advisor to set up a remediation plan, which means they can't register for more than 12 hours or exceed 100 hours until the requirement is satisfied. A student cannot graduate until they have successfully completed the test.

"We realize some people don't test well or don't write well under pressure," Wolfe said. "The idea is not to stump anybody, but to see how well you develop ideas."

Students have one hour to write a comprehensive essay on a

prompt, which is a question or situation decided upon by the UWR committee. Exceptions are made for foreign students or those with a handicap or learning disability who can request a two-hour limit.

"The overall prompt is developed to identify students who don't have basic writing skills," Wolfe said. "I think it probably does a really good job of that."

Wolfe said the committee tries to be really conscious about and develop prompts that aren't culturally biased. Some prompts have been thrown out because they were a problem for international students.

The committee also looks at facts and figures on any given prompt and disregards those which

have a high failure rate, Wolfe said.

Although many students do not understand why they must take the test after passing both English 101 and 102, Wolfe said it has helped the university.

"Obviously, among other universities, the fact that we have a writing standard says a lot about the character of students we value," Wolfe said. "I think it says that if you have a college degree from Eastern, you have the abilities necessary to communicate. That is what an educated person is."

When the requirement was proposed, Faculty Senate estimated it would cost \$6,000 to \$7,000 for the first year and decline each year afterward. Just the opposite happened, though.

For the current year, the UWR was budgeted \$20,334, Jack Culross, dean of undergraduate studies, said. That is primarily for supplies, grading and proctors, he said.

"It is like most operating budgets," he said. "It goes up a little bit every year."

Included in the budget is \$150 a day for readers, of which there will probably be 10 to 12 for this session. The readers must not leave the building the day of the grading until all tests are scored.

To score the essays, each reader spends between one to three minutes reading the test. They

score each without marking on the paper. Another reader will score the essay and the scores must be the same, or within one number of each other.

If not, a third reader must review the paper. That person must then decide the score to be given.

The scores range from one to seven, with seven being the highest. The two scores are then added together. To determine who passes and fails, the readers decide upon a cutoff number. Everyone above that number passes.

Faculty from all across campus participate in reading the tests.

"We make a really conscious effort to try to get readers from all disciplines across campus," Wolfe said.

The next UWR exam will be given on Feb. 27.

Those who fail the test or want to practice for it are encouraged to go to the Reading/Writing Center, purchase the UWR Handbook from the bookstore or get it from Eastern's Web site, or register to take English 106, which begins Friday and runs until the next exam.

This course was developed in '91 to help students practice writing for the exam and to get instruction and feedback before taking it.

Combs: Regents hear plan to renovate hall

from the front

Kennedy, was in charge of designing a plan of renovation.

The survey was distributed to 25 percent of the residential population with 14 percent returning. The survey asked residents questions about room arrangement preference, number of roommates desired, additional cost factors and the ranking of important factors.

Students reported a 79 percent desire for mini-apartment style housing, with 62 percent choosing a suite with bath, living area and kitchen arrangements.

Approximately 71 percent said they would be willing to share a room with three other residents, and 36 percent said they would pay between \$75 and \$100 a semester.

Private bath facilities ranked No. 1 as the most important feature students wanted included in the apartment.

After the data was collected, the committee had to choose which residence hall to renovate. It wanted one with a basement and a maximum of six floors.

"There are not too many left to do anything with," Crockett said.

Combs was built in 1962-63, is five stories, has a basement and a capacity for 260 residents. It was

"Students today really want more, and students are willing to pay."

Jeannette Crockett,
dean of student life

chosen by the committee for the conversion from dorm to apartment living and, at the same time, Martin was suggested to undergo the next renovation.

"It is the first in a long line of conversions," Crockett said. "We are hopeful that it will be so successful that others will follow. Of course we are a long way from that."

The committee designed several blueprints of rooms for Combs, but Crockett stressed that those are just concepts as of now.

"We wanted to come up with the concept of the building and put things in that we had to have, and take the shell of the building to come up with the mini-apartments," Crockett said.

Crockett said that, in designing

the apartments, marketing was a major concern for the committee.

"Students today really want more and students are willing to pay," she said.

The proposal at the meeting Saturday was mainly to give the board an idea of what the committee wanted to see done with the hall. It will be discussed in depth at the retreat in February.

"Even though they are agreeing with the concept, nothing can really happen until the state legislature meets in January of 2000," Crockett said.

To pay for the renovation, the university would sell agency bonds and additional bonds over a period of time. Crockett said the people living in Combs Hall would be paying for it over a number of years.

The newly renovated Combs would be available to upperclassmen and those who have lived on campus before, Crockett said.

Although Crockett is excited about the proposed renovation, she realizes the amount of time it would take for the plan to happen.

"When you look down the road, if we began work in late 2000 or early 2001, it would take at least a year to do the kind of renovation we're asking for," she said.

General: University looks at education requirements

From the front

has become a "catch-all" for different topics within the university.

"It means we have a tendency not to revise, but to add things to the curriculum," Hart said. "I am not going into this with any thought of what the program needs to be or what changes need to be, but after 20 years, we need to step back and look at the whole program."

Hart stressed before any action can be taken, the committee must look at the program as a whole.

Although many students feel too much general ed is required, one student, Patty Thacker, disagrees.

Thacker is a 34-year-old freshman from Irvine. She attended Eastern 16 years ago, and came back last summer to pursue a degree in nursing.

Thacker said she feels general ed is fine the way it is.

"I was relieved the first time around that I didn't have to take math, but this time around, I'm

"Don't go into it looking at it as it is required and you have to do it, but that you will come out with something."

Patty Thacker,
34-year-old freshman
on general ed classes

thankful I had to take it," Thacker said.

She said by taking the developmental math requirements it has forced her to understand math so she can help her daughter.

"It depends how you go in and look at it," Thacker said.

"Don't go into it looking at it as it is required and you have to do it, but that you will come out with something. That is what being well-rounded is all about."

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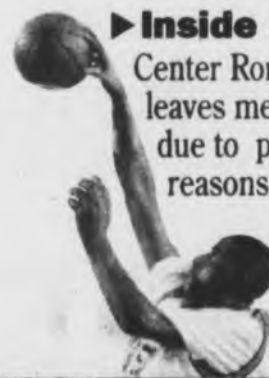


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Center Ronnie Griffin leaves men's team due to personal reasons/B6



Staci Reid, editor

Thursday, January 21, 1999 B1

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- On TNT and TBS
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- Is more family-oriented in content
- Headliners include Hollywood Hogan, Macho Man Randy Savage, Big Sexy Kevin Nash, Lex Luger and the New World Order

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WWF

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- Owned by Vince McMahon who bought the company from his father in 1982
- On the USA network
- Monday night show is called RAW is WAR
- Promotes itself as more provocative with the slogan: "WWF attitude."
- Headliners include Stone Cold Steve Austin, The Undertaker, Mankind and Degeneration X

RUMBLE

Monday night wrestling tradition for students in Commonwealth Hall

Anyone within hearing distance of the 19th floor of Commonwealth Hall gets an earful on Monday nights.

"That looks so fake!"
"That is so weak!"
"This sucks! He's holding his eyes shut!"
"One punch put him out? Yeah, right!"
The Eastern students aren't shouting at two guys fighting in the hall, they're watching pro wrestling on television.

A group of 7-10 guys get together every week to watch the World Championship Wrestling's (WCW's) Monday Nitro and the World Wrestling Federation's (WWF's) Raw is War.

"I've been watching this since I was 5-years-old," said Greg Hunley, a freshman broadcasting major from Pineville.

"It was real popular when we were younger," said Jeff Dees, a sophomore police administration major from Lexington. "Then it just kinda got old."

Although Hunley and Dees admit they stopped watching it for a few years, they're tuning in again and are bigger fans than ever.

They're not the only ones.

Males 12-34 now watch wrestling more than ABC's Monday Night Football, according to Nielsen ratings. The shows are the top two rated shows on cable TV.

In 1998, the Nielsen ratings for WCW and WWF rose 50 percent. Combined they are watched in more than 6 million households.

Including telecast, about 34 million people watch wrestling each week.

Major players

The popularity of pro wrestling is credited to two main players in the wrestling world — WCW president, Eric Bischoff and WWF owner, Vince McMahon.

The WWF and WCW are major rivals. McMahon bought the company from his father in 1982, with Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant on the show.

WCW, created in 1986 by Ted Turner, lured away the two major wrestlers and McMahon blames Turner.

"Here's some sign language for Ted Turner," McMahon said, gesturing during an interview with Time magazine.

The shows' differences have some wrestling fans tuning into WCW and others watching WWF.

"We're in the entertainment business, and we'll go anywhere and do anything," McMahon said.

Anything is right. WWF not only allows profanity, but also sells giant foam hands with the middle fingers extended.

Stone Cold Steve Austin's inspiration for his character came from "a serial killer." The Federation also allows the audience to hold signs in the stadium reading "suck it" and other profane language.

"WWF is not suitable for children," Dees said.

"It's like Jerry Springer," Michael Compton, a junior police administration major from Pikeville, said.

"WWF's ridiculous," Chris Eversole, an undeclared freshman from Booneville, said. "WCW is more good versus bad oriented. WWF is more satanic."

"They've become sleazy — all of their emphasis is on shock value," Bischoff said of the WWF. "We want to program for an audience of families and kids."

Good guys vs. bad

The shows do not claim, as in the past, to be real.

Instead, pro wrestling is promoted as a staged event to stave off fear from parents about violence on TV.

But even WCW's good guy, Hulk Hogan, has turned bad, and is now known as Hollywood Hogan.

In the past days of pro wrestling, there was an obvious distinction between good guys and bad.

Now, it seems, even the cleanest cut wrestler can turn to a bad guy in a week.

WCW uses lighter story lines and celebrity guest wrestlers like Jay Leno, Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman. But even fans of WCW agree that McMahon seems to have a better grasp on what keeps the audience tuned to the USA network.

"You may hate him, but he promotes it (WWF) a lot better," Hunley said of McMahon.



Andrew Patterson/Progress

Eastern students Jeff Dees, Chris Eversole and Michael Compton watch WCW's Monday Nitro and WWF's RAW is WAR on Monday night.

McMahon launched a subplot that has him fighting against his own wrestlers in the ring and out.

Wrestlers complain that he's a tyrant and treats them like slaves.

Sex appeal

And both shows have their share of sexual innuendos. On WCW the Nitro Girls, a group of professional dancers, entertain the audience in skin-tight outfits that are somewhat tasteful and look like any colleges' dance team.

On WWF, however, the women aren't dancing happily.

Sable is a regular and seems to wear less and less clothing as the season goes on. When she walks into the arena, posters fly open of her in barely-there swimwear and lingerie.

Sponsors for the top-rated shows were happy to get in the commercials.

Sponsors for the WWF include Burger King Co., Hasbro, M&M/Mars, Nintendo of America, Procter and Gamble Co., Western Union, the United States Army, MCI WorldCom's 1-800 Collect, Walt Disney Co.'s Buena Vista Pictures Marketing and Warner Bros.

Sponsors for WCW include Pepsi-Cola Co., Valvoline, Warner-Lambert Co. and Paramount Pictures.

Not only are the Monday night shows making money on screen, but off screen as well.

The live wrestling events are often sold out. Novelty items are also hot with items like toys, video games, clothing and, of course, Halloween costumes.

"You can tell WWF is doing something better by looking at the crowds. Their crowds get more into it," Dees said. "Basically, Vince McMahon is smarter than Eric Bischoff."

Fans have different views on whether to change the content of the programs.

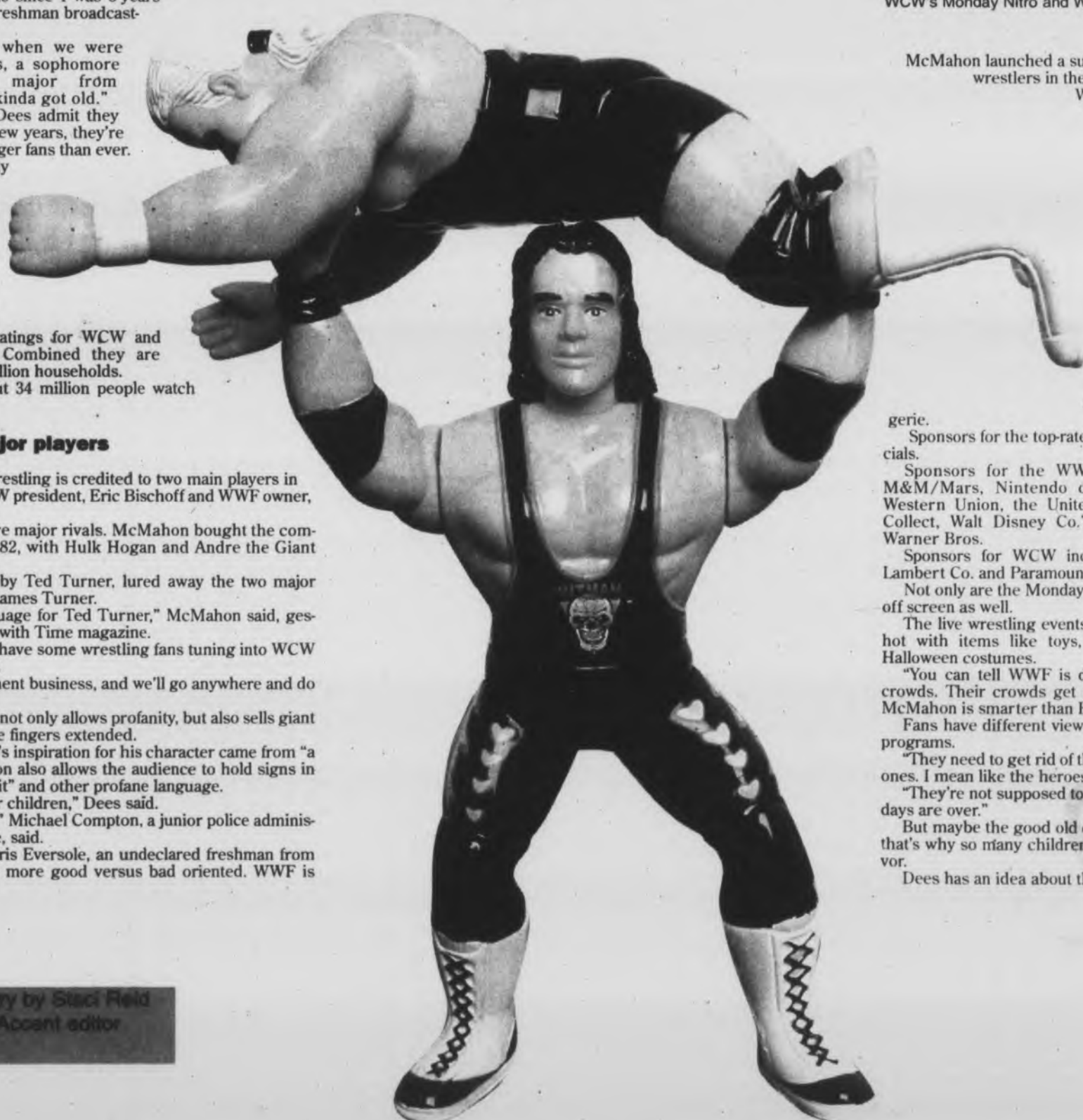
"They need to get rid of the stupid characters and bring back the old ones. I mean like the heroes," Compton said.

"They're not supposed to be heroes anymore," Dees argues. "Those days are over."

But maybe the good old days of heroes aren't quite over and that's why so many children and adults watch wrestling with such fervor.

Dees has an idea about that. "I think it's just a male soap opera."

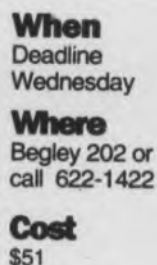
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Skiing the night away



If you've ever wondered what it would be like to ski, but never had the money to visit the fancy resorts, the department of intramurals has made it possible to experience skiing at a reasonable cost.

A "Twilight Ski" trip is planned to Perfect North Ski Resort in Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Prices for the trip are \$35 for tickets and transportation, \$10 for ski rental and \$6 for lessons.

The sign-up deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Vans leave Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. and return at midnight. For sign-up information, call 622-1244 or stop by Begley 202.

- **6 p.m.** Quad Area Council meeting, Clay Hall
- **6:45 p.m.** Women's Basketball, Eastern vs. Tennessee Tech at Cookeville
- **8:45 p.m.** Men's Basketball, Eastern vs. Tennessee Tech at Cookeville

- **11:45 a.m.** Women Studies Luncheon, Powell Cafeteria
- **4:30 p.m.** Intramural Basketball sign-up deadline (call 622-1244 or visit Begley 202 for details)
- **5 p.m.** UWR, Combs Building
- **6 p.m.** Madison County Civil War Round Table meeting, Powell Student Center

■ **6:30 p.m.** Women's Basketball, Eastern vs. Middle Tennessee at Murfreesboro
■ **8 p.m.** Men's Basketball, Eastern vs. Middle Tennessee at Murfreesboro

■ **5 p.m.** Mass, Catholic Newman Center

■ **7 p.m.** West Side Area
Council meeting, Combs Lobby

■ **7:30 p.m.** RHA Bridal Show,
Gifford Theatre, Campbell
Building

■ **9 p.m.** South Side Area
Council meeting, second floor
Keene Hall

- **9 a.m.** Golden Key Awareness Table, Powell Building next to the Grill
- **4:30 p.m.** Campus Wide Room Changes End, Housing Office
- **4:30 p.m.** Sign-up deadline for Intramural Ski Trip
- **4:30 p.m.** Sign-up deadline for Intramural 3-point contest (call 622-1244 or visit Begley 202 for details)
- **7:30 p.m.** Caduceus Club Program, Dr. Robert Palmer on Dentistry in Moore 123
- **9 p.m.** Golden Key NHS meeting, Todd Rec Room
- **9 p.m.** Baptist Student Union "Vive," BSU Building
- **10 p.m.** East Side Area Council meets, second floor lobby Commonwealth Hall

- **8 a.m.** All "A" Classic begins at Alumni Coliseum
- **4:45 p.m.** Sigma Tau Delta meeting, Case Annex Lounge
- **8 p.m.** North Side Area Council meeting, Telford Lobby
- **10 p.m.** Central Towers Area Council meeting, Todd Rec Room

■ **6 p.m.** Jan. 30, Women's Basketball, Eastern vs. Eastern Illinois at Alumni Coliseum
■ **8:45 p.m.** Jan. 30, Men's Basketball, Eastern vs. Eastern Illinois at Alumni Coliseum
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Arts

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► Art show review



Above: Debra Clem's "Where I've Never Been," an oil painting on linen. Clem is entering a new phase as an artist. Her work is beginning to showcase aging things.

Right: An acrylic painting by Brian H. Jones entitled "Parade." Jones, who is color blind, encompasses his past personal experiences into his paintings.

Photos by Don Knight/Progress



Unique artistic styles showcased

AMY CAMPBELL
Graphics editor

Technique and artistic themes are regularly taught in art classes on college campuses.

This week, two art professors from Indiana University Southeast bring their teachings from the classroom to the canvas in an exhibition at Giles Gallery.

Brian H. Jones and Debra Clem have been painting since the early '70s and this show is a select grouping of their past and present pieces. These works also depict the directions they will be heading in the future.

Jones' work consists of acrylic paintings and monotype (one-time) prints.

Clem works in oil paints, and has added the unique element of photo-sensitive material.

Jones, in most of his past paintings, has taken close-up views of nests and painted them to make

the viewer feel like he or she was inside them.

His prints have an oppressive quality, which is made by a technique of layering various colors until a deep, rich black is formed with lines of colors running throughout the print.

What:
Art Exhibit
When:
Through Feb. 5
Where:
Giles Gallery

Though Jones is color blind, his use of primary colors is amazing. Jones wants the audience to experience his art on an emotional level. On this level, the strands represent individual life experiences. "All of these experiences weave together to create who we are," Jones said. To him, the nest is an idea

of home. Some of the artist's work takes unpleasant ideas, such as racism and violence, and presents them as fossils.

The viewer can see today's unpleasant realities from a distance, as if looking into ancient times.

Clem uses an unusual medium in her paintings of women. She sprays her canvases with a liquid form of photo-sensitive material commonly found on photographic paper, and exposes them to negatives.

This creates an interesting background to paint on.

Her earlier works dealt with the "surreality of reality."

With a modern twist, she composed images with the computer program Adobe Photoshop and then painted them on large canvases.

The subjects of Clem's paintings evolved into "images of women the world really hadn't seen."

The masterful handling of the human body on top of the deep photographic background produces a mysterious and intriguing effect.

Someone with only a minimal knowledge of art can appreciate the techniques used by these two artists, and should experience the deeper meanings of the works.

High 'VOLT' age

Alternative country kingpins Son Volt know a little something about how to rock 'n' roll

"Switching over to AM/searching for a truer sound... Sounds like 1963, but for now it sounds like heaven."

Jay Farrar, from "Windfall"

The lights went down and four shadowy figures appeared from backstage. The room erupted in a roaring cheer, 1,000 people strong. As our eyes slowly adjusted to the dim lighting, through the smoke and haze each shadow transformed into a visible character. Nonchalantly, with heads turned toward the floor as if they didn't want to be noticed, each character took a place on stage.

Suddenly the room was filled with guitar and drum blasts. A mournful Hank Williams-ish voice began wailing something about still being "in the flow and rolling around."

Son Volt had entered the building.

After the first 15 minutes of the concert, it was clear to me that the country element of this alternative country show had been left behind, probably on some darkened stretch of rural Illinois two lane. These boys came to rock.

Dave Boquist, who in past

shows had alternated between guitar, fiddle, banjo and lap steel, seldom deviated from electric guitar. A fiddle was used nominally; banjo and lap steel were non-existent.

Guitarist and lead vocalist Jay Farrar switched regularly from acoustic to electric guitar (he handles both masterfully), but even the acoustic material ("Windfall," "Tear Stained Eye," etc.) packed a significant amount of punch when compared to the recorded versions.

But it would be virtually impossible to remove all traces of traditional country and folk music from Farrar's plaintive and emotionless vocal delivery. After all, Farrar's musical idealism is heavily influenced by the working class ballads of artists like Merle Haggard and John Prine.

Farrar will probably never be accused of having an energetic stage presence, at least not in the physical context. Enigmatic maybe, but not energetic.

He doesn't move around on stage, standing mostly in the same spot for 90 minutes, his eyes fixed straight ahead as if competing in a stare-off with 1,000 people. And winning, too.

Farrar doesn't have much to

say during a performance, outside of the music. In fact, he won't talk at all, save the occasional "thanks," half-heartedly muttered to the crowd between songs. Farrar chooses to let his songs (which speak volumes) say all that needs to be said.

Farrar and once longtime friend Jeff Tweedy (now of Wilco) are responsible for giving life back to a genre of music some say had been lying dormant since the death of Gram Parsons in 1973.

Although not the first to experiment with the curious fusion of rock, folk and country music, Farrar and Tweedy made people stand up and take notice when they formed the band Uncle Tupelo in 1989.

When Uncle Tupelo disbanded in 1994, Farrar formed Son Volt. Their first album, 1995's "Trace," made many critic's top 10 lists for the year and was deemed a classic.

An eclectic and mature third album ("Wide Swing Tremolo") was released last fall and the band is currently touring to promote it.

Son Volt will play Tuesday night at AIA in Lexington. If you go, be prepared for an emotional roller coaster ride that will take you from the depths of Jay Farrar's soul to the darkest reaches of rural America — and back again.

Son Volt is (from left): Dave Boquist, Jay Farrar, Mike Heirdon and Jim Boquist. They will bring their fusion of rock, country and folk music to AIA in Lexington on Tuesday night. Call (606) 231-7263 for tickets and further information.

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Eastern students Justin Combs (left), Matt McClanahan (center) and Jacob Deatley clean up water after pipes broke in their rooms in Commonwealth Hall last semester.

Is there any kind of insurance for students who live in dorms at Eastern, and who is responsible for damages to your room? For instance, there was a dorm fire this week. What if your property was damaged because of the fire? Is there any way to file for compensation and damages? There was an incident of pipes breaking in a dorm a few years ago. Would the school be responsible for the

property of the student in that case or is it the students' responsibility? If there is damage to the residence hall room, where do you go to report it? Who decides who is responsible?

According to Jeannette Crockett, dean of student life, students receive an insurance opportunity when they receive their packet of housing information after being assigned a room.

This is in addition to any family homeowner's insurance their parents or guardians may have.

In most cases, Crockett said, family homeowner's insurance would cover any property damage.

In some cases, theft is also covered.

Crockett advises immediately reporting items stolen or damaged to public safety.

If a student thinks the university is responsible for the damage, then a small claims form may be filed in Frankfort.

The form is available in the office of the public safety coordinator, Lawrence Westbrook.

The form asks directory questions and asks for an explanation of damages. The form is then mailed to Frankfort.

There is a determination by the Board of Claims as to what caused the problem and if it could have been avoided.

Students sign housing contracts when they move into the residence halls.

The university agrees to regular and routine maintenance of dorm rooms. The student must agree not to vandalize the room.

Crockett said if a claim for room maintenance is not addressed and a room is damaged, Eastern has a liability to the student.

If a student has any problems with their room, they should contact their resident assistant.

More information about "The Answer"

"The Answer" is a new weekly page devoted to answering any questions regarding the university.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to write in.

Each week a new topic will be covered.

If no questions are received in the office, a question will be raised by the Progress staff. This was the case this week.

Letters do not have to be signed with a full name; initials may be used to ensure privacy. Students, faculty and staff names will be kept private.

Readers are also welcome to respond to any answers with additional information or follow-up questions about the topic.

Letters must arrive by noon Monday to appear in the following week's edition of the Progress.

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Area councils make changes

By DANIEL BRUCE
Activities co-editor

If you're a resident in one of Eastern's 16 residence halls, you may have noticed signs hanging around inviting students to something called an area council meeting. But if you're like most students you don't know much about it.

An area council is basically the governing body of the residence halls.

“Without it, you just kind of live here.”

Jaime Johnson
East Side Area
Council

“Sure, your area coordinator and the rest of hall staff run the halls, but the area council is the place that provides residents with an organized voice. Area councils serve a vital role in the lives of students on campus. They provide, ‘A voice for the students in the building ...’” said Jamie Johnson, a political science major from Lawrenceburg Ky. Johnson, a three-year veteran of the East Side Area Council has served in many offices there, including president.

Johnson said that area councils are a great way for students to get involved, “Without it, you just kind of live here.”

Laura Finck, a sophomore social work major from Louisville defines an area council as a, “group of residents who want to get involved in making their hall better ... it's a place that if you don't like something in the dorm you can get it fixed or promote awareness about it.”

Sophomore Stacia Chenoweth, from Glasgow, Ky., and president of the West Side Area Council said, “Through area councils we unite to achieve a common goal.”

Chenoweth also says that an area council exists for, “... meeting the needs of the residents.”

Another purpose area councils serve is they can purchase things to improve the lives of their residents. The East Side Area Council recently purchased a microwave oven for Commonwealth Hall, and the North Side purchased tools and a set of jumper cables for the ir area, and the West Side has purchased vacuum cleaners and kitchen supplies such as pots and pans for their residents.

Area councils not only fund and organize community building events and purchase things to improve the lives of their residents, but the presidents of the councils also serve as representatives at the weekly meetings of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). RHA works with other student organizations in deciding major issues around campus.

Areas share the same staff members and are represented at each meeting of the area council by their own representative.

“I joined my first semester as a way to become active in a campus organization,” said Chenoweth.

Council meetings are usually open to the public and resident attendance is encouraged.

RHA Bridal Show turns 20

By NICOLE JOHNSON
Activities co-editor



In last year's Bridal show, participants model the latest wedding and formal party fashion while having fun doing it.

File Photos

Love is in the air.

Maybe it is just the heady aroma of all the flowers that will fill Gifford Theater on Monday night for the 20th annual Residence Hall Association Bridal Show. The theme this year is “From This Moment On,” and preparations for the show are in full swing.

The bridal show is a tradition here at Eastern and is always a lush affair. This year is no exception. There are mounds of silk, lace and chiffon to choose from in order to find that perfect dress.

To be formal, or not to be formal — that is the question for all those seeking wedded bliss. Which colors to use, finding a bridesmaid gown that will flatter all your friends, picking a song ... the decisions can be overwhelming.

RHA sponsors the bridal show to help solve these dilemmas and provide creative inspiration to prospective couples.

One such prospective couple who will be among the crowd Monday night are Eastern students Misty Turner and Eric Campbell. The two have been together since September '95 and plan to tie the knot in the summer of 2000.

“I just want to see the latest fashions,” Turner said, who will graduate in the spring of 2000. The couple already has some ideas about what the bride should wear.

“I'd like to see her in something from the '60's,” Campbell said, nudging Turner in the ribs.

Campbell will graduate this May and plans to attend the police academy.

They want to go to the bridal show to get a feel for their choices. And plenty of choices will be displayed.

Lena's Wedding Center will be showcasing wedding gowns in an array of colors and styles. There will truly be something for everyone, whether you are planning a formal evening wedding or a more casual afternoon ceremony.

According to Joanne Wilder, the vice president of RHA, “Formal dresses are those with trains, and non-formal dresses are those without trains.” A variety of each will be shown.

The show isn't just for those happy couples about to enter wedded bliss, however. The program will also highlight the “party wear scene.”

According to Wilder, party wear is defined as dresses you could wear to sorority/fraternity formals or to the prom.

“Last year the show featured dresses that the girls already had and this year the show will feature dresses that Lena's has,” Wilder said.

Although the men are a bit more limited in choosing their attire, Jett & Hall will showcase a wide range of choices and styles in men's formal wear.

Linens and Gifts will provide all the materials for the decorations at the show, and Darnell Crenshaw will DJ.

Ambiance Day Spa will be doing the makeup for the models, and Dee Ann Stephens from WKYT-TV will emcee.

The Eastern Gospel Ensemble will perform and there will be several informational booths from local merchants set up outside the entrance to the theater, so couples will have a wealth of information at hand.

RHA Bridal Show

When: 7:30 p.m. Mon. 25

Where: Gifford Theater

Cost: \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door

Advice from the playground on marriage

■ How Does A Person Decide Who To Marry?

“You've got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.”
Allan, age 10

“No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you got to find out later who you're stuck with.”
Kristen, age 10

■ Concerning The Proper Age To Get Married:

“Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then!”
Cam, age 10

“No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married!”
Freddie, age 6

■ How Can A Stranger Tell If Two People Are Married?

“Married people usually look happy to talk to other people.”
Eddie, age 6

■ What Do Most People Do On A Date?

“Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.”
Lynnette, age 8

“On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.”
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Shane Walters, editor

Offensive linemen

Tyrone

Hopson will showcase his talents Sunday in the Hula Bowl All-Star game in Maui, Hawaii. Hopson's selection to the Hula Bowl marks the 20th consecutive season that Eastern has had at least one player named to a All-America unit.

Brian Simms/Progress



By SHANE WALTERS
Sports editor

While the majority of the Colonel football team is working out in the weight room preparing for the 1999 season, offensive tackle Tyrone Hopson and head football coach Roy Kidd will be showcasing their talents in grass skirts, or at least in shorts, Sunday at the Hula Bowl All-Star game in Maui, Hawaii. Hopson, who was named to the 1998 Burger King Division I-AA Coaches' first-team

All-America squad, was a four-year letterwinner, three-year starter and two-year, first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection for Kidd's Colonels.

Hopson's selection to the Hula Bowl marks the 20th consecutive season and 24 of the past 25 years that Eastern has had at least one player named to a first-team post-season I-AA All-American unit.

"Tyrone is as deserving for this honor as anyone that has ever played for us," Kidd said. "He is an outstanding blocker with good feet and balance. He is also aggressive and can run. I believe he is going to get a chance to play at the next level."

Kidd will escort Hopson to

Hawaii and will also be on the sidelines as an assistant coach in the All-Star game.

Kidd's one-year tenure as president of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), concluded Dec. 31.

The AFCA has selected an All-America team every year since 1945 and currently selects teams in all four of its divisions.

The Colonels lead all I-AA teams with 20 appearances by 18 of their players on the Burger King I-AA Coaches' All-America Team since 1979.

Hopson, who has been timed at 4.8 seconds in the 40-yard dash, was the first true freshman to play

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Roy Kidd,
football coach



for Eastern in the last 10 years on the offensive line in 1995.

Hopson started the first half of the 1997 season at tackle and moved to guard after Reggie Myrtill injured himself.

The Colonels closed the 1998

season with a 6-5 overall record and tied for fourth place in the OVC standings with a 4-3 record.

The 1998 season marked the 21st straight winning season and the 26th consecutive non-losing year recorded by Eastern.

► Women's Basketball

Eastern survives Morehead's wrath

Seniors guide team to 76-72 victory

By CHRISTINA THOMPSON
Assistant sports editor

"Floating and swimming" sound like fishing terms, but Eastern Kentucky University's women's basketball head coach Larry Joe Inman used the phrase to describe his team's performance during its 76-72 victory over Morehead State University Saturday afternoon.

"We floated about 30 minutes and then decided to swim, so to speak," Inman said.

Inman is referring to the fact that the Lady Colonels trailed the entire game until 4:32 remained in the second half and freshman Zoey Artist hit a layup to give Eastern the lead (62-61). Morehead would come back to tie the game four more times but never pull ahead again.

A major factor in the Lady Colonels' comeback was the reduction in turnovers

during the second half. During the first half, Eastern turned the ball over 12 times for 16 points. In the second half, the team only committed three turnovers, but forced Morehead to commit 14 turnovers for the half — a total of 22 for the game. Inman credited Eastern's defense in the

second half as a contributor to the team's run.

"Our kids picked it up in the second half. Larry Wall gave us a big spark with her defense when she made three steals up and down the floor," Inman said.

Eastern's young team, which started two freshmen, two sophomores and a senior, was helped by the guidance of the team's three seniors.

"Since we (the seniors) have so much experience we have to motivate the young players because they tend to be

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Eastern vs. Tennessee Tech
When: tonight, 6:45 p.m.
Where: Cookeville, Tenn.

Sophomore forward Larry Wall drives past Heidi Daulton and Kim Elliott of Morehead State during Saturday's contest at McBrayer Arena.

Don Knight/Progress



► Men's Basketball

Perry's Colonels falter to Macy's Eagles 98-78

By SHANE WALTERS
Sports editor

Vivid, lively, animated and full of expression — all are personality traits of coach Scott Perry during an Eastern basketball contest, but not Saturday. Perry sat on the sidelines, quiet for the most part, as coach Kyle Macy's revamped 7-9 Morehead State Eagles dominated the Colonels and pulled out a 98-78 victory at McBrayer Arena.

Morehead finished last season with an overall record of 2-23, 2-16 in the Ohio Valley Conference — Morehead's most losses ever in a single season. The Colonels (2-14, OVC 1-7) posted their most losses during the 1988-89 season under head coach Max Good with an

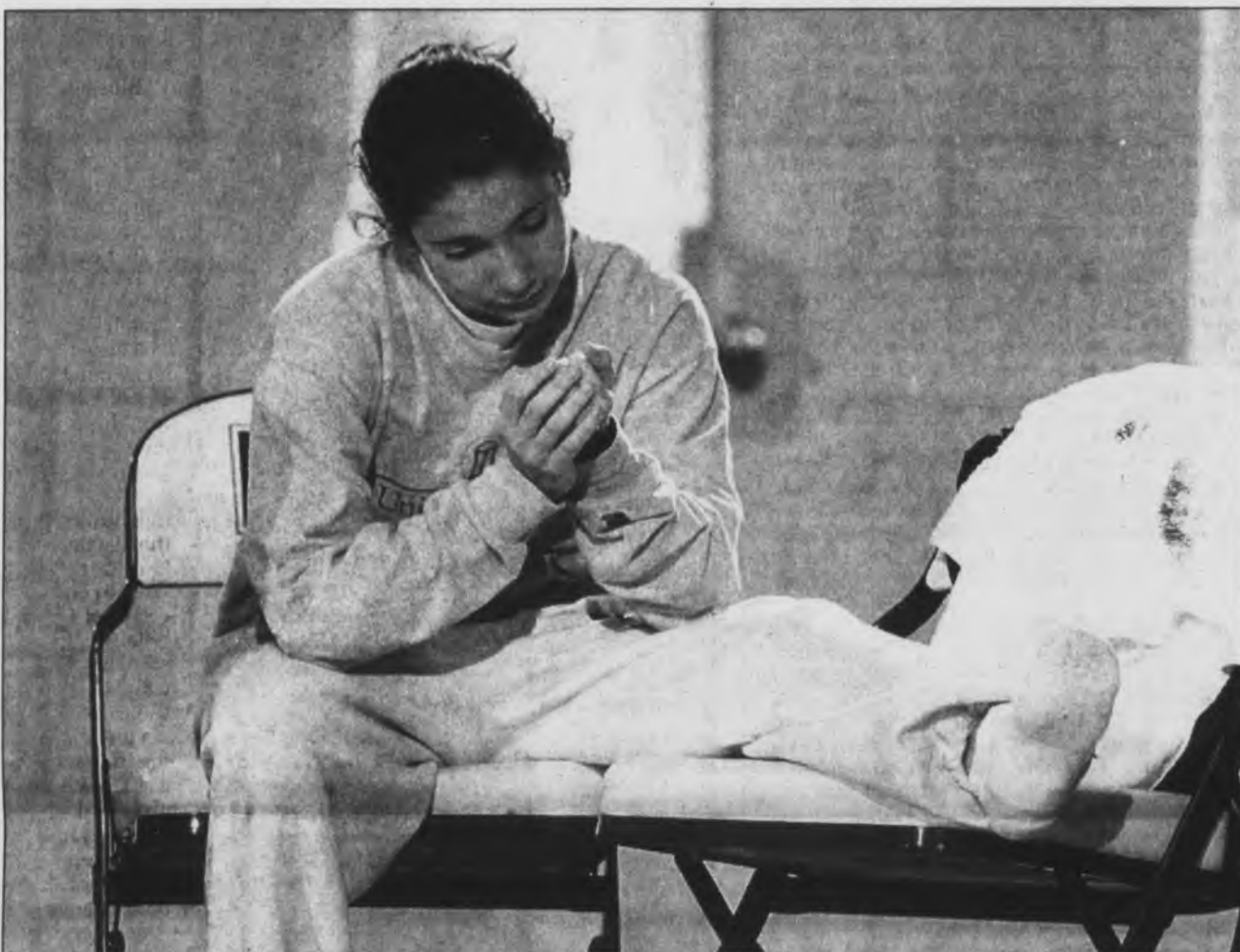
overall record of 7-22, 4-8 OVC. Eastern has 10 contests remaining until the OVC Tournament to improve upon its slow start.

"We're going through the growing process with this program, and getting the guys to understand," Macy said. "The first step last year was that we lost quite a few games by 30 points. This year, we're getting a lot closer and are winning more games. This was a good experience. We are slowly getting better in each game."

Erik Brown led the Eagles with 22 points, two assists and three steals. Including Brown, six of Morehead's 10 players scored in double figures.

"We have to give credit to all the big

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Don Knight/Progress

Junior guard Marla Gearhart suffered a torn ACL during the first two minutes of a contest against the University of Louisville and

is lost for the remainder of the season. Gearhart was leading the Lady Colonels in scoring, assists and three-point shooting.

A Pain in the Knee

Junior leader Gearhart's season ends with sudden twist of fate, torn ligament, cartilage

By CHRISTINA THOMPSON
Assistant sports editor

Pop! Such a small sound can have a devastating impact on an athlete, especially if the sound is a result of a knee being popped out of place.

Junior Marla Gearhart learned that lesson the hard way. A member of Eastern Kentucky's women's basketball team, Gearhart was guarding the University of Louisville's point guard in the first two minutes of a game Dec. 28 when she tried to cut and her knee popped out.

"I didn't think it was hurt that bad. I thought I would be able to get back in the game," Gearhart said.

What Gearhart didn't know at the time was she had torn the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her knee, an injury that is common among athletes. The knee joint ACL guides the shinbone through a normal stable range of motion. Most injuries to the ACL occur on landing from a jump, while cutting, pivoting, or with sudden deceleration.

When Gearhart learned the actual seriousness of her injury, her spirits dropped.

"I was disappointed because I had never had an injury before," Gearhart said.

To repair the injury to her ACL, Gearhart had an operation on her knee. During the surgery, the doctors discovered that in addition to tearing her ACL, Gearhart had also torn the two menisci in her knee, which will put her a month farther behind in her rehabilitation.

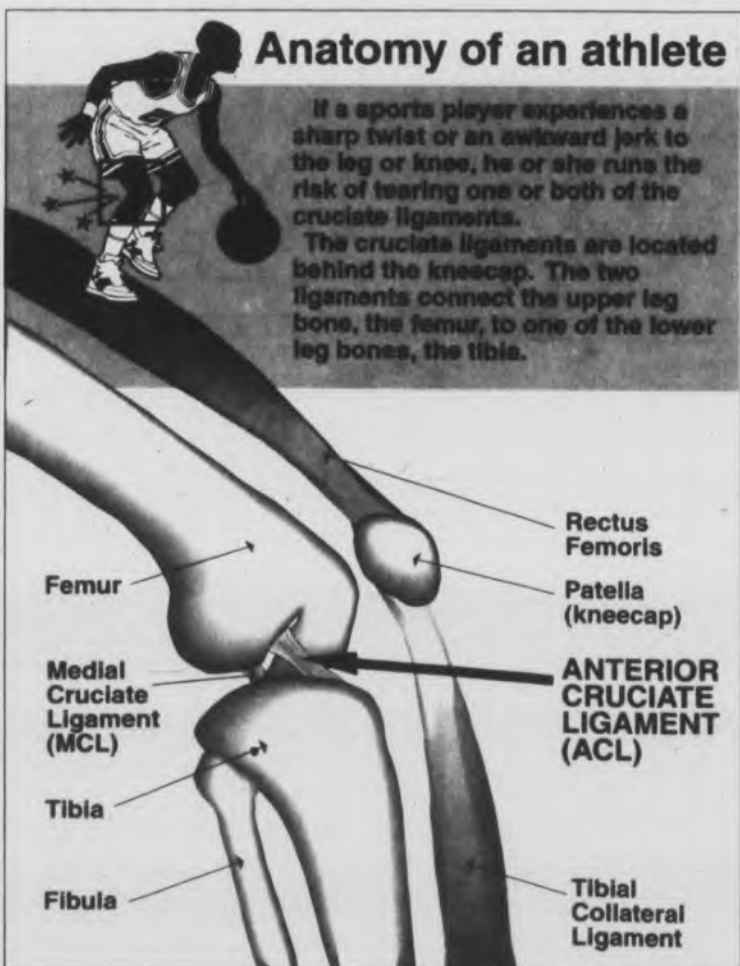
The menisci are cartilage that help absorb the impact the knee receives. In order to repair the torn ACL, doctors took a part of her patellar tendon and placed it in her knee. Then the doctors stitched the torn menisci.

For the next five weeks, Gearhart is not allowed

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Anatomy of an athlete

If a sports player experiences a sharp twist or an awkward jerk to the leg or knee, he or she runs the risk of tearing one or both of the cruciate ligaments. The cruciate ligaments are located behind the kneecap. The two ligaments connect the upper leg bone, the femur, to one of the lower leg bones, the tibia.



Amy Campbell/Progress

Other Eastern athletes who have suffered knee injuries

■ Scooter Asel suffered two ACL injuries during his two-year career as a defensive back for Eastern's football squad.

■ Jason Muchow tore the ACL in his right knee during the football Colonels' contest against Tennessee-Martin.

Jordan's departure a boost to NBA



CHRISTINA THOMPSON
Bleacher Creature

Thousands of people watched and waited in anticipation as Michael Jordan entered the United Center Jan. 13. One question was on the minds of basketball fans, sports writers, NBA officials and basketball players: Is Jordan retiring from the National Basketball Association again?

As Jordan confirmed rumors that he was leaving the NBA, people both inside and outside the basketball world were wondering what would happen to the NBA now that Jordan was gone. How will the NBA, not to mention basketball in general, survive without Jordan's presence, especially at a time when fan support is low due to the recent lockout?

Instead of having doubts and fears about Jordan's retirement, people should have been applauding Jordan's decision, not just for his happiness but also for the needed change it will bring to the NBA.

Jordan's impact on the world of basketball is undeniable and a glance at his stats proves that. Jordan led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships, received five MVP awards and appeared in the All-Star game 12 times. However, Jordan's departure from basketball is necessary for the growth of a sport dominated by Jordan and the Bulls for over a

decade. Each season Jordan played basketball in the NBA was more repetitive and predictable than the one before.

With Jordan gone, the results of the NBA season will be up in the air; for a few years at least, the Bulls will not dominate the NBA.

Jordan's departure will bring a breath of fresh air to an old, stale league. New players will have a better opportunity to make a name for themselves and lead their teams to an NBA championship.

No longer will one player dominate news about the league. The excitement that these young players will bring to the NBA will attract new fans to the game of basketball, as well as bring back old fans tired of the same old things year after year.

Basketball is meant to be a team sport; hence the fact that there is more than one player on the court at a time. Now that Jordan is leaving, the focus will once again return to the team aspect of the game.

Each night viewers will be able to watch the highlight reels on "Sportscenter" without being bombarded by the news of Jordan's 50 points or seeing scene after scene of

Jordan dunking.

The NBA could benefit from Jordan's departure even more if he decides to stay in retirement for good.

Returning to the NBA a second time would only throw the league into an uproar.

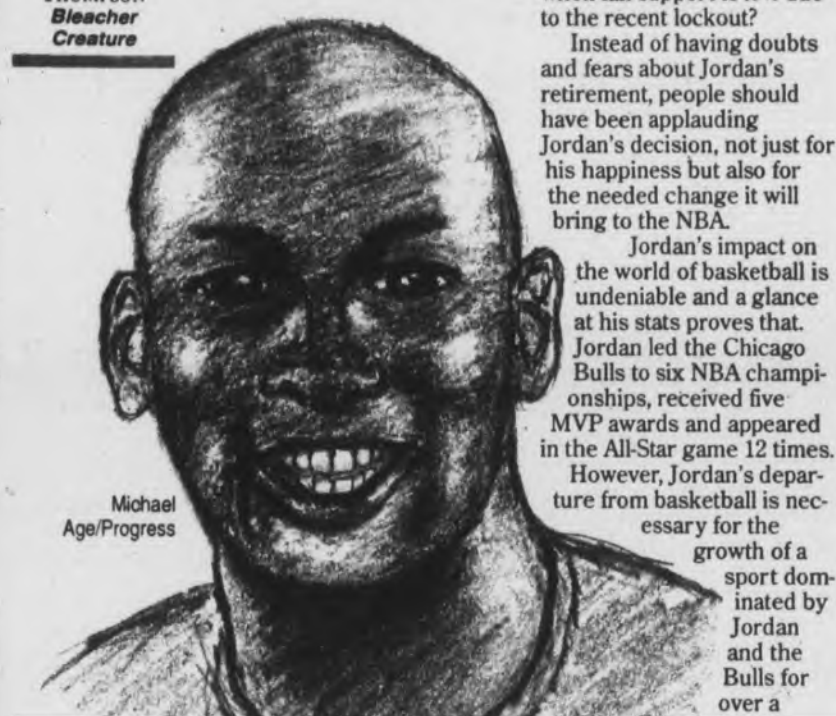
The media attention would shift back to Jordan faster than a snap of the fingers. For the NBA to succeed without Jordan he must stay gone for good.

While many people question the benefits Jordan's retirement brings to basketball, it should be clear to the sport's fans that his leaving will allow the NBA to grow and expand. Fans should thank Jordan for leaving the NBA at this critical time.

Jordan's retirement will make basketball more interesting for those who already love the sport and attract new fans who will grow to love the game.

Basketball and the NBA existed before there was a Michael Jordan, and they will continue to exist now that he is gone.

Only one question should be on the minds of those in the NBA: Which team will actually win the championship this year?



Michael Age/Progress

Gearhart: ACL injury ends junior guard's 1998-99 season

From B6

to put any kind of pressure on her leg, and it will be the end of June or the first of July before she can begin running.

Right now, Gearhart is working on keeping her leg strong by doing leg lifts and quad work. She can currently bend her leg 30 degrees, and she plans to increase that each week.

Gearhart's injury was disappointing not only to herself, but also to her mother Judy.

"I worked with her this past summer to help her get ready for this year. Marla worked really hard during the summer and now to be out for the year — I was very devastated. I think I was more upset than she was," Judy said.

Gearhart and her mother now look to the future.

"Marla just has to put this behind her. She's a very hard worker, and she can come back," Judy said.

The basketball team suffered as well when Gearhart was injured. Members of the team miss her leadership and experi-

ence. She was leading the team in assists, three-point shooting and scoring before she was injured.

However, the Lady Colonels have met the challenge and have won four of the last seven games. The players have stepped up to fill the void left by Gearhart. Sophomore Charlotte Sizemore now leads the team, averaging 17.9 points per game.

An injury like the one Gearhart suffered commonly occurs among both amateur and professional athletes.

Other athletes who have suffered ACL injuries are Danny Manning and Derek Anderson of the NBA, Rod Woodson of the NFL, and Sue Bird of the No. 2 ranked University of Connecticut Lady Huskies.

The NCAA Injury Surveillance System reported that during the 1989 to 1990 intercollegiate basketball seasons, female athletes injured their ACL 7.8 times more often than male counterparts.

Gearhart's injury may have forced her to go from basketball player to cheerleader, but with Gearhart's determination and work ethic, Lady Colonel fans will see her on the court next season.



Marla Gearhart faces months of rehabilitation due to her knee injury.

Lady Colonels: Sizemore led Eastern with 17 points

From B6

hard on themselves. At halftime we told them we could come back, and we did," Jennifer King said, a senior who pulled down a team high of 10 rebounds and added seven points.

Fellow seniors Shannon Browning and Cathy Dues added 10 points and eight points, respectively. Dues hit two key free throws with 15 seconds remaining in the game to give the Lady Colonels a safe six point lead (76-70).

Leading the team in scoring was sophomore Charlotte Sizemore, who recorded 17 points, including a key three pointer to tie the game at 60 with 5:35 remaining.

Wall, along with her three key steals, added eight points, and Artist scored nine points.

Artist credited the team's performance in the second half as a key in the victory.

"The first half we weren't playing together. In the second half, we played defense and offense. Everyone contributed to the win," Artist said.

Despite pulling away with the win, Eastern shot a dismal 39.4 percent from the free-throw line, only hitting two of 11 in the first half and 13 of 33 for the game.

Inman noted Morehead's per-

formance in the game.

"You have to give Morehead credit. They played hard, a lot harder than us in the first half. They got tired in the second half," he said.

The Lady Colonels noticed the Lady Eagles looked tired, so the team picked up the game another notch and pushed the ball more.

Tonight the Lady Colonels have a big road trip to Tennessee Tech and then to Middle Tennessee on Saturday. Both Tech and Middle are among the top teams in the conference, and wins against both teams would move Eastern up in the rankings. Inman understands the importance of those two games.

"If you want to make a run for the conference championship, then you have to win these kinds of games. That's a tough task to ask of a young team, but we can beat them if we play really well offensively and defensively, and we force them to play bad," Inman said.

The Lady Colonels then return home to face Southeast Missouri on Monday. This is the second match between the two teams this season. Eastern lost to SEMO Jan. 2 in double overtime (101-93).

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